



St. Ignatius', Neerim South



— St. Joseph's, Warragul



— St Ita's, Drouin

Warragul and Drouin Catholic Parishes'

Forming Missionary Communities'

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St. Ita's Primary School 5623-7222
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St. Angela's Primary School 5622-9800
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Chris Harkin, Alicia Phillips,
Belinda Pickthall, John Rowe & Dee Jackson

EX OFFICE : PARISH PRIEST, DEACON MARK, JOAN ROBERTSON AND PRINCIPALS ON ROTATION FROM ST JOSEPH'S, ST ITA'S, ST ANGELA OF THE CROSS AND MARIST SION.

Sunday 27th April 2025 – Sunday of Divine Mercy - Yr C

April is the month of "The Holy Eucharist"

Weekday Mass Times (28 April –2 May)

Monday:	Warragul	9.30 am
Tuesday:	Drouin	5.30pm
Wednesday:	Warragul	9.30am
Thursday:	Drouin	9.30am
Friday:	Warragul	9.30am

Mass Times (3-4 May)

Saturday:	Neerim Sth	5.30pm
Saturday	Warragul	Communion Commitment 7.00pm
Sunday:	Warragul	Communion Commitment 9.00am
	Drouin	Communion Commitment 10.30am



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, who have walked upon and cared for it for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Closed Doors

We Easter people are still celebrating the resurrection of the Lord. No empty tomb or joy in Jesus' divinity and our hope of salvation would be futile. But the empty tomb vindicates our hope. He is risen indeed! As we mourn Pope Francis we are buoyed by hope for his salvation and our own.

Jesus' disciples know he is risen. Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James found the empty tomb and the angels confirm he is alive, he is risen as he foretold. Peter (of course), ran to check the women's story and he too was amazed.

So, are the disciples out in the streets celebrating and confidently proclaiming? They are not! Instead, we find them in today's gospel (John 20:19-31) huddled fearfully in the upper room with the doors closed. Didn't they even go looking for him? Who were they afraid of and why? If it was the Jews or the Roman soldiers they wouldn't have gone near the tomb. What is really their problem?

Perhaps they were hiding from Jesus, who they had ignominiously deserted in his hour of need. Rightly, they were pretty ashamed of themselves. If they found him, would Jesus want to see them? Easier to hunker down behind the locked door and wish the issue away.

A bit like us maybe. Mostly we've had good intentions, to do the right thing but, somehow, the world has hindered us. What happened to the better self we wanted to be? Instead, we've messed up and got ourselves in a hole. We're frightened of what Jesus might think. Perhaps we keep our heart locked, trying to hide from Jesus.

"All good, mate!" is Jesus' way. He breaks through our insecurities, as he did his first disciples offering peace instead of backward-looking recriminations, rather - unlimited, unquenchable love, starting us back on the road with new life in the Holy Spirit.

Deacon Mark Kelly



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

All invited to attend Sunday 27th April 2025 at St Ita's Church.

2pm- confessions, adoration and veneration of Divine Mercy image,
3pm- Mass celebrant: Bishop Greg and con-celebrant Fr Brendan.

CATHOLIC PARISHES OF WARRAGUL AND DROUIN OUR VISION - FORMING MISSIONARY COMMUNITIES

We are engaged together in the **mission** of Jesus today; as we seek to make God known and to love God and neighbour. Anything that helps people live in their full dignity and freedom, that serves the kingdom of God, is mission. We do this in **community** because we are more than individual believers and parishioners. We are one community made up of smaller communities: two parishes, three churches, our parish schools, ministry groups and families. We constantly need **formation** in our following of Jesus and we seek opportunities to grow in community for mission.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED EUCHARIST

Sat: 10am St Joseph's Church followed by rosary and Benediction

Tue: 9.30am St Ita's Church

RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

St Joseph's: Wednesday 9.15am

Saturday 10.30–11 am

St Ita's Saturday 9.45–10.15 am

DROP-IN CENTRE NEWS



We'll have our first meeting on Wednesday, April 30th, after the 9:30 Mass. This is a chance for everyone to come together and chat about our expectations, hopes, and ideas for the centre. We'll also get to know each other better and see if anyone is interested in joining the centre or helping us get it set up.

Right now, we don't have any official status or form ready. I'm excited to see what we can come up with together!

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SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

Presentation Masses for First Holy Communion will be held this coming Sunday, 27th April at 10.30 at St. Ita's, and on the following weekend, at the 7pm and 9am Mass at St. Joseph's, and Sunday 10.30 Mass at St. Ita's. Candidates and their families are asked to attend one of these Masses to be presented to the parish. Please arrive early and bring the Presentation form to this Mass. For further enquiries please feel welcome to contact Liz Email: Warragul.sacraments@cdsale.org.au Ph: 5623 1642

AN EASTER SPECIAL

Catholic Charismatic renewable—Archdiocese of Melbourne

The latest Movie production of "THE CHOSEN-part Parts 2 & 3 will be released May 10 & 11.

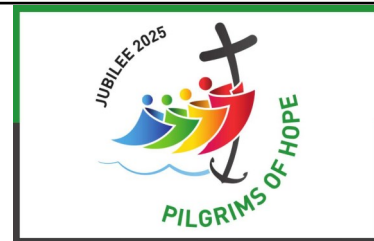
But, it will only be shown for one week. So, to avoid disappointment, make sure to book your tickets as soon as possible. Search

<https://www.thechosentv.com.au/>

[locations](#) in your browser to find a location near you, and purchase tickets for your family and friends who don't know Jesus.

RCIA AT THE EASTER VIGIL

The Easter Vigil was truly beautiful and deeply moving. We were blessed to witness our RCIA candidates take their next step in faith as they were joyfully initiated into the Catholic Church. The light of Christ shone brightly through every prayer, every candle and every heart present. Kimberley Page, Mia Hickey and Luke Farrugia were Baptised and Confirmed and received First Holy Communion. Lachy Walsh was Confirmed and received First Holy Communion. Welcome to our newest members—we are so proud of you and thrilled to walk this journey with you!



JUBILEE CALENDAR MAY 2025

25th Jubilee of Workers

St Mary's, Cowes

31st Jubilee of Families & Grandparents

St Agatha's, Cranbourne



FREE Gift - SmartLoving BreakThrough Course - Year of Jubilee

To celebrate the Jubilee Year which is marked as a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God and with one another, Catholic marriage ministry, SmartLoving, is offering its BreakThrough online course as a free gift.

This course is designed to help an individual to understand the struggles they are facing in their marriage, and to equip them with powerful tools to restore love, communication, and connection. Use Coupon code: Jubilee2025 for FREE access to BreakThrough. The offer is available from now until the Feast of Pentecost.

Visit: www.smartloving.org/jubilee



See the church noticeboards for the calendar of events for May & June. Contact cards are also available in the churches.



Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them next week at Mass. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. Together, we are creating a better tomorrow, helping vulnerable communities build stronger futures for themselves and empowering them to break free from the cycle of poverty. Thank you for standing with us!

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 41



Please pray for the following in our Parishes:

Mass Intentions

Saturday 7.00pm: Raymond Kenny (Recently Deceased)
Sunday 9.00am: Ivana Tellefson (Death Anniversary)
Sunday 10.30am: Raymond Kenny (Recently Deceased)
Monday 9.30am: Quentin O'Keefe (Death Anniversary)
Wednesday 9.30am: Amy Hickey (Death Anniversary)
Friday 9.30am: Corry Schoots (Death Anniversary)

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pope Francis, David Chitty

ANNIVERSARIES: Fr Bob Maguire, John Beggs, Kevin Sweetman, Kate Jell, Beverley Goss, James O'Connor, Lenora Hardman, Don Ward, Anna Lim and Rosa Salce.

RITE OF WELCOME: This weekend we welcome Alyson Deen, Billie & Ollie Deen, Max & Mila Battista, and their families who begin their journey towards baptism.

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome Thomas Watts, Isabelle McLennan, Kodie Brown and Finn Giles into our parish family.



BISHOP GREG ON THE DEATH OF POPE FRANCIS

Please see the church noticeboards for a Message to the faithful from Bishop Greg on the Death of His Holiness, Pope Francis.

First Collection (Planned Giving)
St Joseph's Church Account
 083879 489045334
St Ita's Church Account
 083879 568166097
Second Collection (to support our Priests)
 083879 941199437
St Joseph's & St Ita's Presbytery account.
St Joseph's Building Works Account
 083879 971765356

ROSTERS

St Joseph's 26 / 27 April

Readers
 7pm A.Rankins 9am MT.Tuck
Minister
 7pm Dcn Mark 9am J.Marvin
Offertory
 7pm A&G Rankins 9am E.Romanin & Gina
Greeters
 7pm M.Gleeson 9am P.Heffernan & E.Ronanin

St Joseph's 3 / 4 May

Readers
 7pm A Yaqoo 9am P Bertacco
Minister
 7pm M Gleeson 9am J Marvin
Offertory
 7pm P Heffernan 9am Kuriakose Fmly & J Robertson
Greeters
 7pm Volunteer* 9am B Clover (MR) B McIntosh (FE)

St. Ita's 27 April / 4 May

Readers
 27 Apr J.John & J.Fahey 4 May Youth
Minister
 27 Apr J.Durand 4 May M Collins
Communion to sick
 27 Apr M.Collins 4 May B Pickthall
Welcoming
 27 Apr L.Bibby 4 May B & J Durand
Offertory
 27 Apr B&J Durand 4 May C Butterworth
Piety Stall
 27 Apr I.McLean & A. Phillips 4 May M Finlay & E Hamer

Cleaning
 26 Apr T Meggetto 10 May Volunteer *
Amberlee
 7 May Mass & Volunteer* 14 May M Llaghou & C A-Boateng
Lyrebird
 6 May Mass & 20 May G&M Collins
 B.Maunder

* with current WWCC & signed COC please

PASTORAL SERVICES

Baptisms: Celebrated on Sundays by prior arrangement including participation at an information meeting for Parents.
Marriages: By prior arrangement, six months notice requested.
CatholicCare: Services include counselling Individual, Family & Natural Family Planning Counselling
 Ph 1800 522 076

St. Vincent de Paul
Conference helpline: Warragul Ph: 0499 201 517
 Drouin Ph: 5625 4715

Safeguarding— Our parish is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all people with special concern for children, young people and adults at risk.

OUR OFFERINGS TO GOD

(last week's Sunday collections)

St Joseph's Parish:

Church (1st collection) cash \$1,707.80
 Planned Giving envelope: \$507.00
 Presbytery (2nd collection): \$1,205.00
 St Joseph's Building Fund: \$25,550.00
 (Running total of donations)

St Ita's Parish (incl St Ignatius):

Church (1st collection) cash \$684.90
 Planned Giving envelope: \$290.00
 Presbytery (2nd collection): \$650.05

Holy Lands Special Collection: \$3,455.50

Thank you for your generous contributions.

MEETINGS

Monday: St Ita's Rosary, 10.30am followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Wednesday: Parish Drop-In Centre meeting, 10am Marian Room
 RCIA, 7.30pm Marian Room Enq Joan, Parish Office: 56231642

Thursday: SVDP Drouin, 10.00am St Ita's Meeting Room.
 St Ita's Charismatic Prayer Group, Rosary at 7pm, St Ita's Church.

Friday: St Ita's Rosary, 7.00pm followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4, 22-27. R. v.1

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)
3. O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
the true God is our light. (R.)

Second Reading

Revelation 1:9-13, 17-19

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be

afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One. I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;

happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

"Receive the Holy Spirit.

Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,

and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

But he said to them,

"Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands

and put my finger into the nailmarks

and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them.

Jesus came, although the doors were locked,

and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands,

and bring your hand and put it into my side,

and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples

that are not written in this book.

But these are written that you may come to believe

that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,

and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

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